

PLANNING COMMITTEE

5 JUNE 2017

DECISION ON PLANNING AND ENFORCEMENT APPEALS - QUARTERLY REPORT -

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To provide Members with the quarterly update covering performance for the period 1 January 2017 – 31 March 2017

2. REPORT

- 2.1 The Schedule is attached at Appendix 1 for the period 1 January 2017 – 31 March 2017 (Planning and Enforcement).

	Valid appeals started in system at beginning of period	New valid appeals started	Appeals decided (or withdrawn / closed / invalid)	Valid appeals started in system at end of period
1 Jan – 31 Mar	19	17	16	20

- 2.2 For all appeals decided this quarter, the outcomes were as follows:-

	Allowed	Dismissed	Total	Withdrawn / Closed	Invalid	Split
1 Jan – 31 Mar	2	11	13	3	0	0
	15%	85%				

- 2.3 BVPI 204 was not retained as a new National Indicator although it has been retained as one of our local indicators. BVPI 204 was quite specific over which appeals it covers and for example does not include enforcement, advertisement, lawful development certificate, permitted development, hedge and tree appeals, this is reflected in the table below.

	Allowed	Dismissed	Total	Withdrawn / Closed	Invalid	Split
1 Jan – 31 Mar	2	9	11	0	0	0
	23%	77%				

- 2.4 For all appeals decided over the last 4 quarters, the outcomes were as follows:-

2016/17	Allowed	Dismissed	Total	Withdrawn / Closed	Invalid	Split
1 Apr – 30 Jun	2	11	13	1	0	0
1 Jul – 30 Sept	2	18	20	1	0	0
1 Oct – 31 Dec	3	11	14	2	0	0
1 Jan – 31 Mar	2	11	13	3	0	0
Total	9	51	60	7	0	0
	15%	85%				

This data shows that for the first quarter of 2017 15% of all appeals were allowed. For the 12 month period to 31 March 2017 an average of 15% of all appeals were allowed. This is well below the post National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) national average figure of around 36% of all appeals allowed. With regard to withdrawals it should be noted that appeals can be withdrawn at any time, even after the statements have been exchanged or the appeal heard but whilst the Inspector's decision is awaited. At that stage the LPA has undertaken all the work but without any commensurate result.

- 2.5 All decisions are viewable on the councils web site located on the planning appeals page and are e-mailed directly to the ward member, Chairman and Vice-Chairman. Appeal documentation for applications made in 2004 onwards can also be viewed on Public Access using the planning application search facility.

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